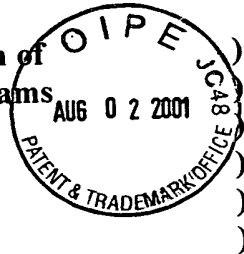


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**Title: A METHOD OF DETECTING BACK PRESSURE IN A  
COMMUNICATION SYSTEM USING AN UTOPIA-LVDS BRIDGE**

**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

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I, Patrick McWilliams, the below named inventor, hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I verily believe I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the design invention entitled:

**"A METHOD OF DETECTING BACK PRESSURE IN A  
COMMUNICATION SYSTEM USING AN UTOPIA-LVDS BRIDGE"**

which is described and claimed in the attached specification.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to in this declaration.

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I do not know and do not believe that the design was ever known or used in the United States of America before my invention thereof.

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